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	Costa Rica	Mr. Weisleder
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	Indonesia	Mr. Natalegawa
	Italy	Mr. Terzi di Sant'Agata
	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Mr. Elgannas
	Panama	Mr. Suescum
	Russian Federation	Mr. Salov
	South Africa	Mr. Kumalo
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Quarrey
	United States of America	Mr. DeLaurentis
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Agenda

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

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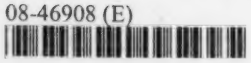

The meeting was called to order at 5.55 p.m.

Expression of welcome to the new Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations

The President (*spoke in French*): I should like at the outset of the meeting to extend, on behalf of the Council, a warm welcome to the new Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata. We look forward to cooperating closely with him. I give the floor to Ambassador Terzi di Sant'Agata.

Mr. Terzi di Sant'Agata (Italy): Allow me, Mr. President, to thank you for your kind words of welcome and to express my warm greetings to the other members of the Security Council. It is a great honour for me to commence my duties as the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations here in the Security Council. I hardly need to emphasize the importance that the Italian Government attaches to the decisive action that the Council can and must carry out in the framework of the maintenance of international peace and security.

I say these words at a time at which it is crucial that the Council be unified if it is to fulfil its role in promoting solutions to international crises in various parts of the world in a manner that is true to the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter and consistent with international law.

The world looks to the Security Council with high expectations, and I believe that all of us can rise to those expectations by promoting effective solutions, built on consensus. It is therefore in that spirit of continuity that I shall represent my country as a Council member elected by the General Assembly in these concluding months of the biennium of our membership.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The President (*spoke in French*): I should like to inform the members of the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Pakistan in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Shah (Pakistan) took a seat at the Council table.

The President (*spoke in French*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council.

(*spoke in English*)

"The Security Council condemns in the strongest terms the twin suicide terrorist attacks that occurred in Wah Cantt, Pakistan, on 21 August 2008 causing numerous deaths and injuries. It expresses its deep sympathies and condolences to the victims of this heinous act of terrorism and to their families, and to the people and Government of Pakistan.

"The Security Council underlines the need to bring perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of this reprehensible act of terrorism to justice, and urges all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and resolution 1373 (2001) and consistent with resolution 1624 (2005), to cooperate actively with the Pakistani authorities in this regard.

"The Security Council reaffirms that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

"The Security Council further reaffirms the need to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts. The Council reminds States that they must ensure that any measures taken to

combat terrorism comply with all their obligations under international law, in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law.

"The Security Council reiterates its determination to combat all forms of terrorism, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations."

(*spoke in French*)

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.